

Life and Work - April 2, 2023

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

* In loving memory of my dear sister, Georgina Penney Ash, forever with the Lord, from Edna Bemister.

Office Closure: The office at St. James UC will be closed on Friday, April 7th to observe the Good Friday Holiday.

Sewing Studio: For those of you who come to Sewing Studio on Monday's, we are now taking a two-week Easter break. Following the break, we will return on April 17th for 6 weeks on the following schedule. St. James 1-3 and Memorial United 7-9. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome.

Reflective Wednesdays at Noon: Each Wednesday throughout Lent, (Rev.) James will lead an informal communion service and bible study focused on the readings for the upcoming Sunday in the Fellowship Room. Communion is at noon, followed by the discussion. Bring a bag lunch if you wish.

HOLY WEEK AREA CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

You are invited to join together with members of the United Church from across the Northeast Avalon for our Holy Week services. They are as follows:

- **Holy Monday at 7:30 pm:** George Street United Church; Rev. Kathy Brett preaching
- **Holy Tuesday at 7:30 pm:** Gower Street United Church; Rev. Peggy Johnson preaching
- **Spy Wednesday at 7:30 pm:** Wesley United Church; Rev. James Ravenscroft preaching
- **Maundy Thursday at 7:30 pm:** Cowan Heights United Church; Rev. Robert Cooke preaching
- **Good Friday at 12 noon:** Cowan Heights United Church (as led by Cochrane Street United Church). 7 preachers for the 7 Final Words of Jesus (including Rev. James for Word #6.)
- **Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) at 7:30 pm:** St. James United Church; Rev. John Maich preaching

Pub Theology Delayed by a Week: With the first week of April being Holy Week, our monthly Pub Theology gathering will be delayed by a week to April 12. At that time we will gather at Guv'nors at 7:30 pm.

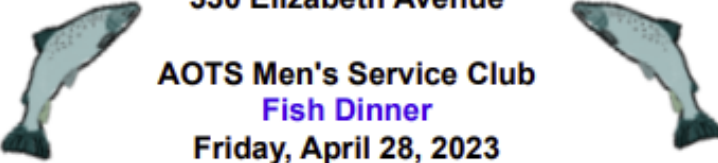
Passion as well as Palms: This Sunday is the start of Holy Week. Traditionally marked by commemorating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as people waved palm branches, this year we will also follow the long-standing practice of including readings from the gospel passages which speak of Jesus' passion, that is his arrest,

suffering and death. We are doing this with the knowledge that not everyone can make it to the joint Good Friday service at Cowan Heights.

Good Friday Neighborhood Walk: Weather and walking conditions being agreeable, we will have our annual Good Friday Neighborhood walk at 10am on April 7th.

Join us: You are invited to come to church early on Easter Sunday and join the Men's club for breakfast. We will begin breakfast service around 9:30 and conclude just before the church service. Free will offering appreciated.

AOTS: Fish & Brewis Dinner: We will be having our Spring Fish Diner again this year on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$25.00. Tickets are available from any member of the Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306



St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue

AOTS Men's Service Club
Fish Dinner

Friday, April 28, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM Cost: \$25.00

A Petition to Help Kids in Our Neighbourhood: Did you know that there are **29 students** living in the area of Terra Nova Road/ Valleyview Apartments/Crosbie Road/Portia Place **that are being denied access to education?** They attend St. Andrews Elementary School but are not given a bus because they are included in the 'family responsibility zone'. Few of these families, many of whom are newcomers to Canada, have vehicles. These children have no other choice but to make a **3 km** round trip twice a day along busy roads. In the winter it is **very dangerous** because few of the sidewalks are passable. Parents must walk with their young children to school. It is not uncommon for a parent to accompany their school aged child while also pushing a stroller or holding a toddler's hand. **Without safe transportation, many of these children miss school.** A group of parents have been trying to get their children bussed to school but have been ignored **by the School District** for two years. These families need our help to amplify their voices. Please sign the petition asking the school district to finally help these families. The petition is available to sign at the church.

Bridges to Hope is looking for a volunteer bread maker: for Wednesday mornings from 9:00am - 1:00pm, commencing at the end of April. If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering your time and talents please contact Jody Williams by phone - 709-722-9225; or by email - j.williams@bridgestohope.ca

Gower Street United Ukrainian Easter Egg Painting Workshop: All ages are welcome on Friday, April 7th, at 9:00 a.m. for a Ukrainian Easter Egg painting workshop with Valerie Seredynska. Registration is required so we can ensure we have enough supplies for all. To register, email: youthminister@gowerunited.com or call (709) 753-7286, leave a message or speak to SuAn.



A important reminder that as of April 1st, 10 digit dialing will become active in NL. Meaning 709 will need to be entered for all calls even local calls. This will not affect 3 digit calls such as 911, but if you are trying to reach direct emergency numbers you will need to dial 709 then the other 7 digits (beginning April 1st). For the months of April and May if you do not enter 709 you'll hear a reminder recording then your call will automatically transfer. After May 31st your call will not be connected. <https://dial10.ca/en-CA/709-879-area/default.htm>